

# Marbled crayfish

*Procambarus virginalis*

Species of Union concern



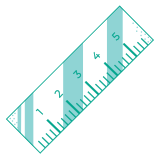
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Invasive species resulting from a natural mutation in an individual belonging to the species *Procambarus fallax*.

Only a few populations have been recorded in Belgium

Found in rivers, lakes, swamps and ponds



Small to medium sized crayfish (6-10cm). Rarely longer than 12cm

Greenish, beige or brownish crayfish with a marbled pattern on the whole body, including claws. Relatively small claws.

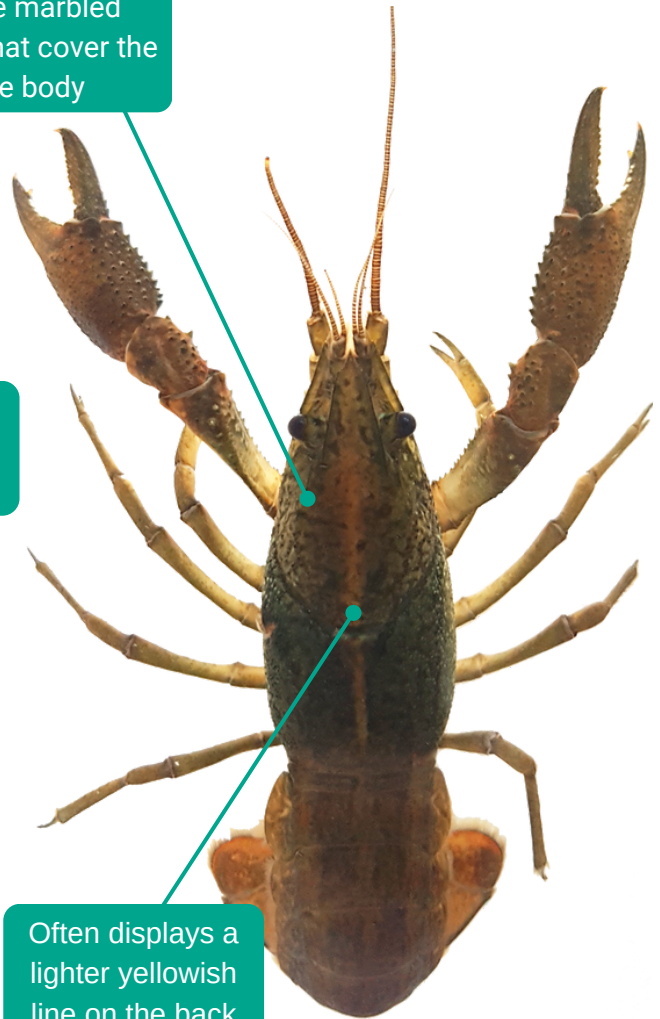
All marbled crayfish are female and reproduce asexually. The marbled pattern covers the whole body, but is most visible on the lighter body parts



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Variable marbled patterns that cover the whole body

Claws with marbled pattern



Often displays a lighter yellowish line on the back

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## Not to be confused with

*Procambarus acutus*

**Exotic**

Orange-red crayfish with dark tubercles on claws



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*Procambarus clarkii*

**Exotic**

Crayfish with red tubercles on claws



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